

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/814,817

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 8 September 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 4-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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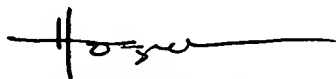
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 6/8/05.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



HOANG V. NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, Schlegel Jr. et al (US 6,054,955) discloses an antenna comprising a monopole formed by a rigid circuit board having a conductive trace; means including a socket for connecting a coaxial cable to the monopole; and a ground plane formed of rigid sheet metal or a circuit board and fixed to the monopole. Schlegel, however, fails to specifically teach that the ground plane is formed with an edge flange.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are allowed for depending on claim 1.

Regarding claim 6, Schlegel discloses an antenna comprising a monopole formed by a rigid circuit board having a conductive trace; means including a socket for connecting a coaxial cable to the monopole; and a ground plane formed of rigid sheet metal or a circuit board and fixed to the monopole. Schlegel, however, fails to specifically teach that the socket includes jaws crimpable to the coaxial cable.

Claims 7 and 8 are allowed for depending on claim 6.

Regarding claim 9, Schlegel discloses an antenna comprising a monopole formed by a rigid circuit board having a conductive trace; means including a socket for connecting a coaxial cable to the monopole; and a ground plane formed of rigid sheet metal or a circuit board and fixed to the monopole. Schlegel, however, fails to further teach a splitter having a pair of inputs connectable via respective coaxial cables to two such monopoles and an output connectable to a receiver.

Regarding claim 10, Schlegel discloses an antenna comprising a monopole formed by a rigid circuit board having a conductive trace; means including a socket for connecting a coaxial cable to the monopole; and a ground plane formed of rigid sheet metal or a circuit board and fixed to the monopole. Schlegel, however, fails to further teach a splitter having a pair of outputs connectable via respective coaxial cables to two such monopoles and an input connectable to a transmitter.

Regarding claims 11 and 12, Schlegel discloses an antenna comprising a monopole formed by a rigid circuit board having a conductive trace; means including a socket for connecting a coaxial cable to the monopole; and a ground plane formed of rigid sheet metal or a circuit board and fixed to the monopole. Schlegel, however, fails to further teach a splitter having a printed circuit board and two sockets connectable via respective coaxial cables to two such monopoles and another socket connectable to a transmitter or receiver.

Reasons for indicating allowable subject matter for claims 13-15 were provided in the previous Office action.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiry

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang V. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-


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1825. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoang Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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